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David Mahoney House  
Urbana vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1865-1870

The David Mahoney House is a two-story log dwelling with three bays, a one-story porch, and german siding built about 1865 and altered in the early 1970's with a two-story frame addition which adjoins the rear wing and the gable end of the log section. The log section had a simple two-room plan on each floor which remains generally intact, but the interior finishes were remodeled in the 1970's. The house is minimally significant for the architecture of the log part, since it retains its general exterior appearance, although the windows and main door are replacements and the original chimney has been removed. David Mahoney (1822-1902) probably built the house and in the late 1880's, transferred the property to his son Augustus B. Mahoney. The Mahoney descendants retained the property until the mid-1930's.

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Urbana

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE   yes   x no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic David Mahoney House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 8320 Ball Road

   not for publication

city, town Urbana

  x vicinity of

congressional district 6th

state Maryland

county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> x occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> x building(s)	<u>  </u> x private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> x yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> x not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> x private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elbert, Jr., and Martha E. Welsh

street &amp; number 8320 Ball Road

telephone no.:

city, town Frederick

state and zip code Md. 21701

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 845

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street

folio 321

city, town Frederick

state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

   federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-7-100

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The David Mahoney House is a two-story vernacular dwelling built about 1865 with possible log structure and a large two-story addition built in the early 1970's located on the north side of Ball Road about 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Tabler Road near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The house faces south and the original section has a three-bay elevation with a one-story porch. The date of the structure and the addition are based on architectural details, land records, historical maps, and a personal interview with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Welsh, Jr., the owners of the house since 1971.

The original section of the house was built in the traditional vernacular form of mid-19th century houses in Frederick County, with a three-bay main elevation and a one-room deep plan with a perpendicular rear wing from the northwest corner. Its structure is probably log, based on the general design and information from Mr. Welsh. In the present south elevation of the existing house, the original section is still clearly defined by its bay arrangement, german siding and one-story porch. The roof is standing seam metal, but the original chimney or chimneys have been removed. The windows in the original section are 1/1 replacements flanked by louvred shutters. The door in the center bay is also a replacement with a glazed upper panel. The porch has turned columns and a concrete deck replacing the original wood platform. The east gable end of the log section is adjoined by the flat-roofed frame addition built in 1971-1972. The facade has modern horizontal siding and grouped windows on both the first and second stories. A shed porch shelters the first story. An exterior brick chimney is on the east end of the addition. The west gable end of the log section has a single bay near the southwest corner. According to Mr. Welsh, the rear wing was added in 1931; this information came from descendants of the Mahoney family who occupied the house during the 1930's. The present state of alteration of the wing gives no clues to its date of construction. A one-story addition of the 1970's is on the west side of the wing. The gable roof outline of the wing is still visible on the north elevation, but the angle between the log section and the wing was completely filled in by the 1970's addition which also extends on the east gable end of the log part. The north elevation currently has a second exterior brick chimney, a flat-roofed open porch and a modern deck.

The interior of the house is also considerably altered. The log section has low ceilings and the original plan of two rooms on both floors is generally still intact, but the walls and floors are resurfaced. No mantels are present and the Welshes believe that the house had wood stoves from its earliest date. This is supported by evidence of a stovepipe opening in the first story of the log section.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1865-1870

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The David Mahoney House is minimally significant for the architecture of the log section, a fair example of a typical vernacular dwelling of the mid-19th century. It retains its original german siding on the principal elevation and, although the windows and door have been replaced, the arrangement of bays and the one-story porch convey the general character of the house as built about 1865 by David L. Mahoney (1822-1902). It appears on the 1873 Titus Atlas. By about 1885, Mahoney assembled a tract of about 11 acres which he sold in two transactions in 1885 and 1889 to his son Augustus B. Mahoney (1857-1935).



820 Ball

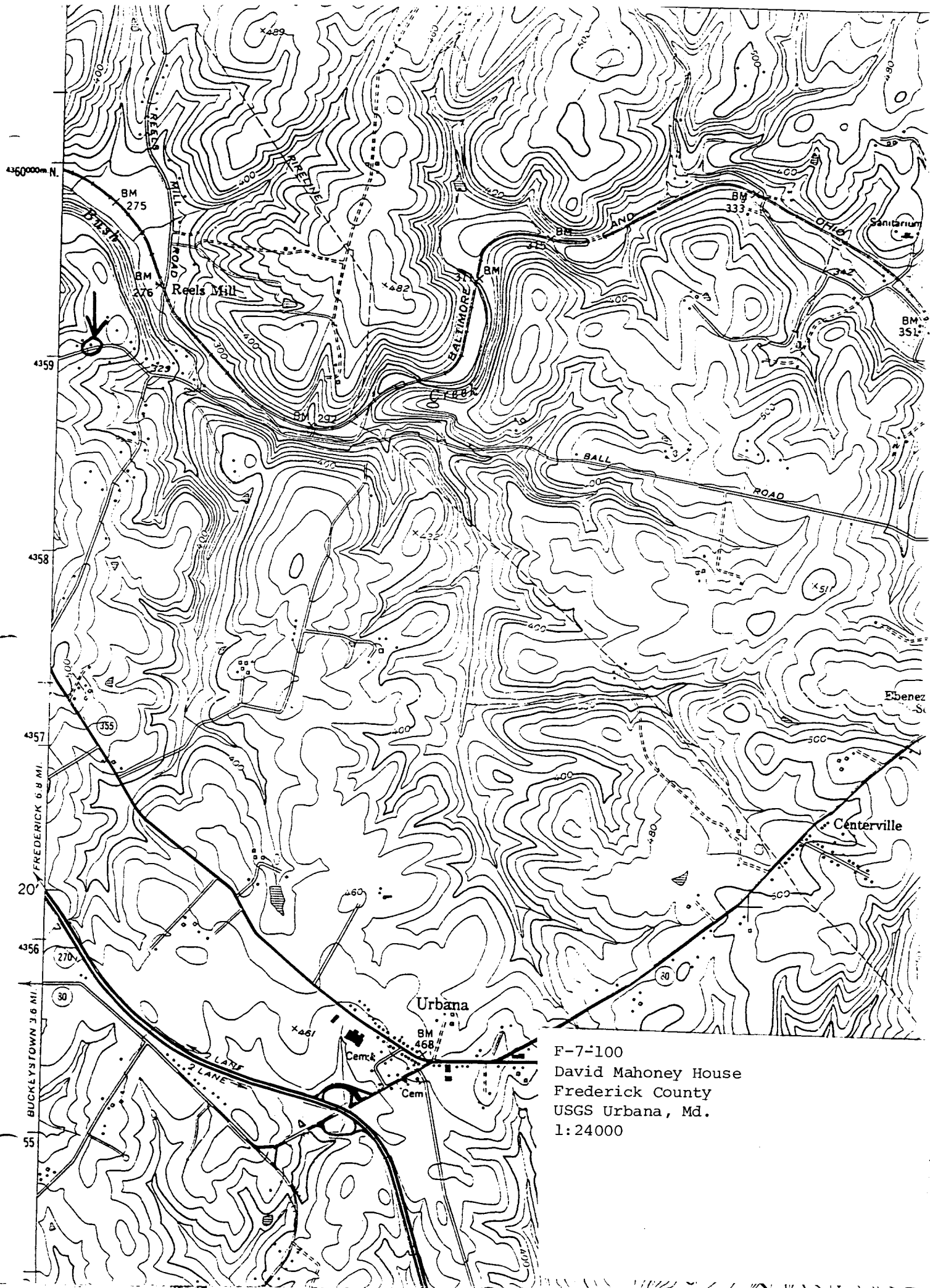
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
845/321 6 Apr 71	Ellert Jr. + Martha Elaine Welsh	Earl G. + Elma M. Mean	2.94A. Lot No. 8 part of	
637/96 2 May 60	Earl G. + Elma M. Mean	Charles J. + Clemmie M. Lakel	part of Lot No. 8, part of the "Resurvey on Araby" 2.94A. WBT 5/322, 13 Aug 1847	
466/355 9 Dec 44	Charles G. + Clemmie M. Lakel	Lottie B. + Samuel M. Traylor	2 tracts totaling 11A., 3R., 14 sq. ft. part of Lot No. 8 of "Araby"	
406/83 11 Nov 36	Lottie G. Traylor	Effie V. and William E. Roberts		
399/76 1 June 35	Effie V. + William E. Roberts	H. Kieffer DeLauter		
399/75 1 June 35	H. Kieffer DeLauter	Sannie Mahoney widow + Effie V. + William E. Roberts		
1) AF 11/207 29 May 1885	Augustus B. Mahoney	David L. Mahoney et al	2A., 2R., 6 sq. ft.	\$50
2) WIP 9/58 20 Mar 1889	Augustus B. Mahoney	David L. Mahoney	9A., 1R., 8 sq. ft.	\$240
1+2) JWLC 1/49 12 Apr 1864	David L. Mahoney	Hugh McAleer		

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Scale 1/8 inches to an mile







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USGS Urbana, Md.  
1:24000







